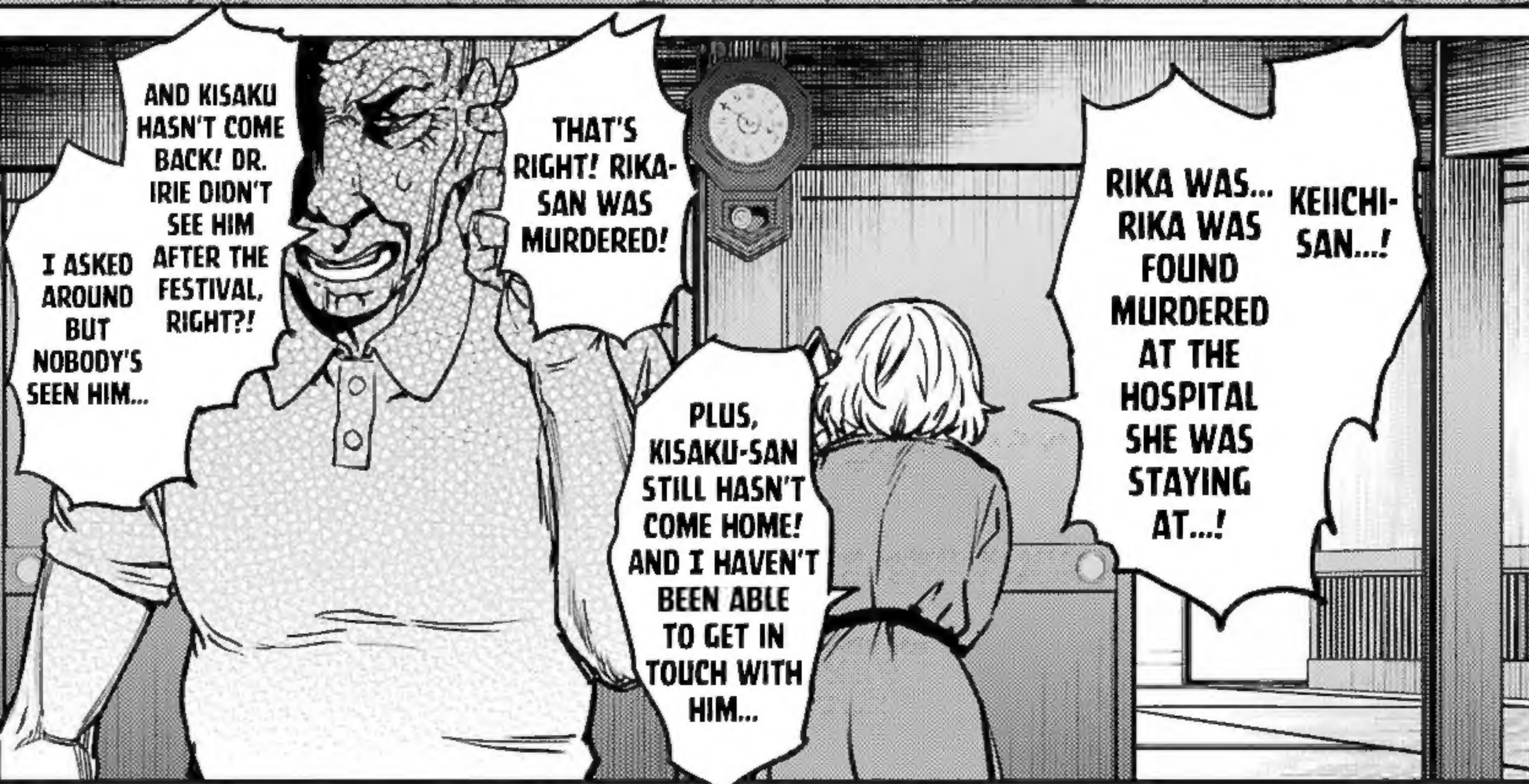


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CHAOS SWIRLING AROUND THE VILLAGE...



AND KISAKU
HASN'T COME
BACK! DR.
IRIE DIDN'T
SEE HIM
AFTER THE
FESTIVAL,
RIGHT?!

I ASKED
AROUND
BUT
NOBODY'S
SEEN HIM...

THAT'S
RIGHT! RIKA-
SAN WAS
MURDERED!

PLUS,
KISAKU-SAN
STILL HASN'T
COME HOME!
AND I HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE
TO GET IN
TOUCH WITH
HIM...

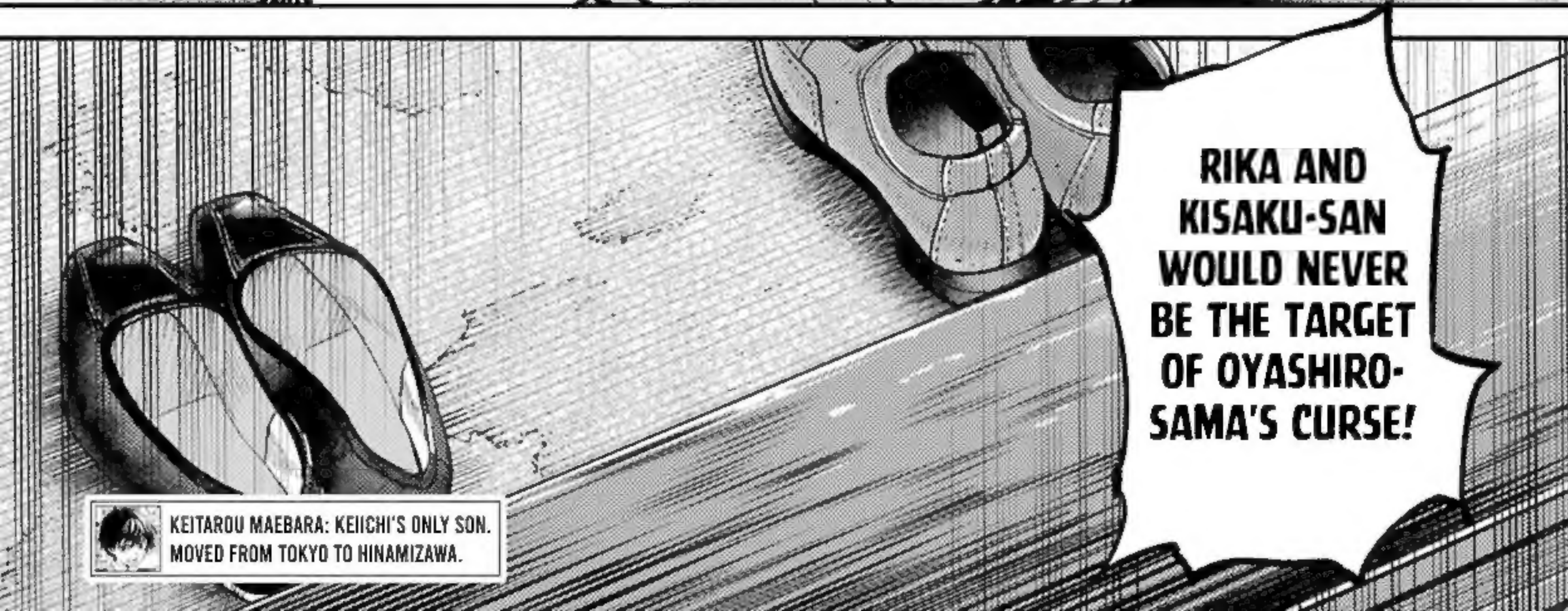
RIKA WAS...
RIKA WAS
FOUND
MURDERED
AT THE
HOSPITAL
SHE WAS
STAYING
AT...!

KEIICHI-
SAN...!



SO THEY
WERE
DEMONED
AWAY, ISN'T
THAT IT?

RIGHT,
ONE DIED
AND ONE
WENT
MISSING
ON THE DAY
OF WATA-
NAGASHI.



RIKA AND
KISAKU-SAN
WOULD NEVER
BE THE TARGET
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA'S CURSE!



KEITAROU MAEBARA: KEIICHI'S ONLY SON.
MOVED FROM TOKYO TO HINAMIZAWA.

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AFTER THE
TRAGEDY...

SUMMARY

KEITAROU WAS SATISFIED THAT RELATIONS WITH INORI AND KURURU WERE GETTING DEEPER, BUT ON THE WAY HOME MAYOR KIMIYOSHI ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A **TRAITOR**... THEN THAT NIGHT, KEITAROU IS AWOKEN BY A PHONE CALL FROM SAKIKO, INFORMING HIM THAT SAKIKO'S FATHER WAS DEMONED AWAY, AND RIKA WAS FOUND DEAD... **THE CURSE OF OYASHIRO-SAMA** IS HAPPENING ONCE AGAIN, IN THE REIWA ERA.



SHE SAID...
POLICE ARE
AT THE
HOSPITAL
NOW.

WHEN
AUNT
RIKA WAS
ADMITTED
TO THE
HOSPITAL,
SHE
LISTED
MY MOM
AS HER
EMERGENCY
CONTACT...

...WAS
KILLED!?

AUNT
RIKA...



AND THEY
SAID AUNT
RIKA WAS
STABBED
TO DEATH!



KURURU
ISSHIKI:
A GIRL
WHO GOES
TO KEI-
TAROU'S
SCHOOL,
ONE YEAR
YOUNGER.



KIHIRO
RYUUGU:
RENA'S
SON,
ESPECIAL-
LY CLOSE
TO KEI-
TAROU,
AND IN
THE SAME
CLASS.



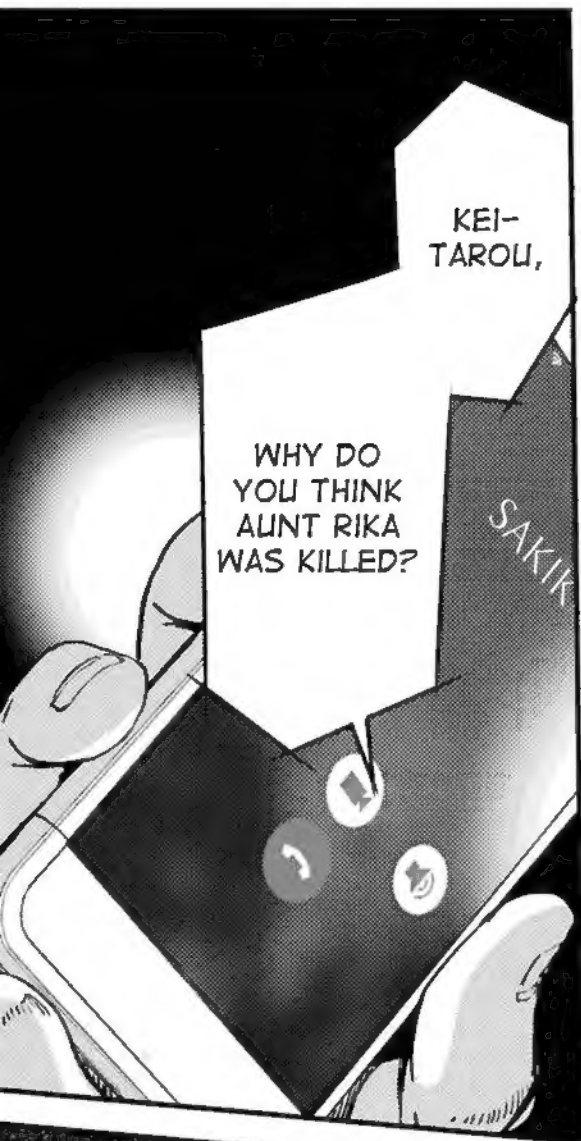
TAMAKI
SONOZAKI:
MION'S
DAUGHTER,
AND
FUTURE
HEAD OF
THE SONO-
ZAKI
FAMILY.



SAKIKO KIMIYOSHI: SATOKO'S DAUGHTER.
ONE YEAR OLDER THAN KEITAROU.



INORI
MIKAZUKI:
A MYST-
ERIOUS
GIRL WHO
GOES TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL AS
KEITAROU.



KEI-
TAROU,

WHY DO
YOU THINK
AUNT RIKA
WAS KILLED?



AND
SHE WAS
STABBED,
MULTIPLE
TIMES?!

WHY
DID THEY
HAVE TO
KILL AUNT
RIKA?!

WHO...
AND
WHY?!

WHO
KILLED
HER?!



NO...

NO WAY.



YOU'RE A
TOTAL POLARIS
SYMPATHIZER
SO YOU DON'T
GET IT, DO YOU?

RIGHT.

YOU
DUNNO,
HUH?



SAKI-
KO.

...



...AND
WHO ELSE
IS WITH
YOU?

WHERE
ARE YOU
RIGHT
NOW?



DAMMIT,
SAKIKO!





**THE WHOLE
POINT OF
THAT IS
TO BREAK
THE HEARTS
OF THE
VILLAGERS!**


**AND RIKA
FURUDE...THE
PRIESTESS
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA AND THE
BACKBONE OF
THE HINAMIZAWA
FAITH, WAS
BRUTALLY
MURDERED...!**

**MY DAD, A
MEMBER OF
THE THREE
FAMILIES OF
HINAMIZAWA
AND THE
GREATEST
OBSTACLE
TO POLARIS,
HAS DIS-
APPEARED.**



GETTING
RECOGNIZED
AS A WORLD
HERITAGE SITE?!
EVEN THOUGH
OUR ORDINARY,
EVERYDAY LIFE
WAS MORE
VALUABLE
THAN THAT!!

I WAS
SO STUPID!
I DIDN'T
REALIZE UNTIL
IT WAS
TOO LATE!!



IS GET
RID OF POLARIS,
WHO ARE EATING
AWAY AT
HINAMIZAWA
FROM THE
INSIDE!

WHAT
WE NEED TO
DO, RIGHT
AWAY.



EVERY-
ONE
KNOWS
WHAT
NEEDS TO
BE DONE!

I MISPLACED
MY PRIORITIES
AND ENDED
UP LOSING
DAD AND
AUNT RIKA!
BUT I
WON'T
MAKE
THAT
MISTAKE
AGAIN!



WE HAVE
TO UNITE
NOW AND
STAND UP
TO THEM!

THIS
TRAGEDY
IS THEIR
HANDIWORK,
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT!

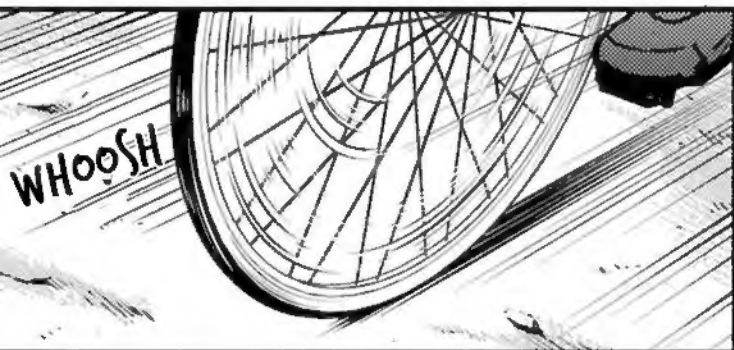
YES....!



LET'S
TAKE BACK
HINAMIZAWA
WITH OUR
OWN HANDS!

LET'S GO,
TO THE
POLARIS
VILLAGE!







WHY
DID IT
END UP
LIKE
THIS?!

DAMN
IT!
I
DON'T
GET
ANY OF
THIS!



beep



AUNT
RIKA
WAS
KILLED?!

AND
ON TOP
OF THAT,
SAKIKO'S
OLD MAN WAS
DEMONED
AWAY?!

ISN'T
THAT
TOTALLY
CRAZY?!

SO EVERYONE
HAS DECIDED,
BASED ON
VAGUE REASONS,
THAT IT WAS
POLARIS'
HANDIWORK!



TAMAKI!



KEITAROU!
JUDGING
BY YOUR TONE,
YOU'VE ALREADY
NOTICED SOME-
THING WEIRD
IS GOING
ON IN THE
VILLAGE.



TH-THAT'S
RIGHT! THE
SONOZAKIS!

IF THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY
GAVE THE
COMMAND,
THE VILLAGERS
WOULD GO
BACK TO THEIR
HOMES,
WOULDN'T
THEY?!

...KEI-
TAROU.



TAMAKI!
EVERYONE
IN THE
VILLAGE
IS...!

NO
WAIT,
AUNT
RIKA
IS...!

CALM
DOWN
KEITAROU.



I HEARD
THE GIST OF
WHAT'S GOING
ON FROM
MY MOM.



HUH...?



THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY...
CAN'T DO
ANYTHING.



I...HAD
THOUGHT THE
KIMIYOSHIS AND
SONOZAKIS
HAD MORE
INFLUENCE OVER
THE VILLAGERS
THAN THAT.



THIS
MOB WASN'T
ORDERED BY
THE KIMIYOSHIS
OR THE
SONOZAKIS.

AND
YET, A HUGE
NUMBER OF
VILLAGERS
HAVE TAKEN
UP ARMS
AND GONE
ON THE
MOVE.



N-NO,
HOLD
ON!

MAYBE IT'S
A SIGN THAT
TIMES HAVE
CHANGED...



SINCE THE
KIMIYOSHI
FAMILY IS
DEALING WITH
SAKIKO'S
OLD MAN
GETTING
DEMONED
AWAY,
RIGHT?!

BUT EVEN
SO, YOUR
FAMILY
MIGHT BE
THE ONLY
ONES WHO
CAN GET THE
VILLAGERS
UNDER
CONTROL
RIGHT NOW!

LOOK, I
KNOW THE
SONOZAKIS
HAVE LOST
SOME OF
THEIR POWER
WITHIN THE
VILLAGE,



IF A
SONOZAKI
THOUGHT-
LESSLY
STOOD UP
TO THE
VILLAGERS
NOW,

EVEN
THEY
MIGHT
NOT BE
SAFE.

I REALIZED SHE
CONSIDERED
ME THE FUTURE
HEAD OF THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY WHEN
DECIDING
THAT...



MY MOM, TOLD
ME "DO NOT
LEAVE YOUR
ROOM UNTIL
MORNING, NO
MATTER WHAT."



...WITH
THAT.

WHAT
IS
UP...



SO,

KEITAROU,
WHERE
ARE YOU
RIGHT NOW?



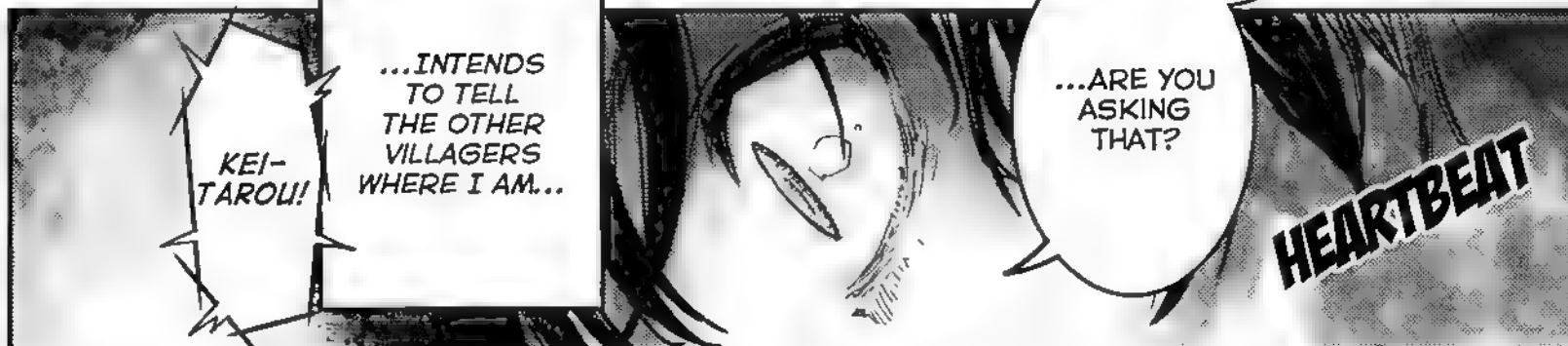
SHUDDER



HEARTBEAT

IF
TAMA-
KI...

WHY...



KEI-
TAROU!

...INTENDS
TO TELL
THE OTHER
VILLAGERS
WHERE I AM...

...ARE YOU
ASKING
THAT?

HEARTBEAT



THE
VILLAGERS
ARE
CONSIDER-
ING YOU AS
A TRAITOR TO
HINAMIZAWA!

WE'RE NO
LONGER AT
A POINT
WHERE WE
CAN CARE-
LESSLY
TALK ABOUT
MAKING
FRIENDS.

KEITAROU,
YOU ARE
IN PHYSICAL
DANGER!

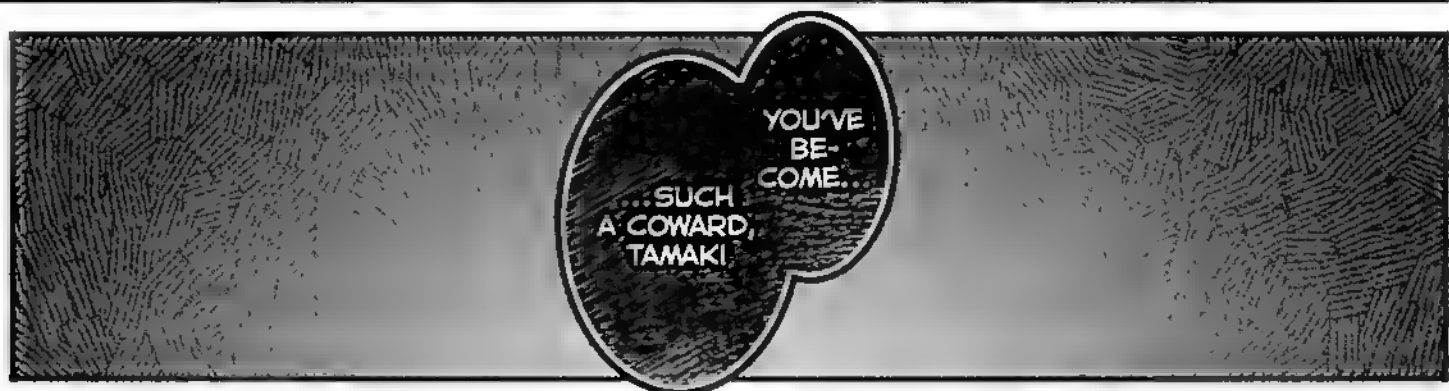


STOP
GETTING
INVOLVED
WITH
POLARIS
ALREADY!

TONS OF
VILLAGERS
ALREADY KNOW
THAT YOU
WENT TO
THE POLARIS
FESTIVAL!



PLEASE,
I'M BEGGING
YOU! GO
BACK HOME!



YOU'VE
BE-
COME...
...SUCH
A COWARD,
TAMAKI!



...YOU'RE
TELLING ME
NOT TO GET
INVOLVED?!

HAVE THE
SONOZAKIS LOST
ALL THE COURAGE
THEY HAD BACK
DURING THE
DAM WAR?!

THE PEOPLE
OF POLARIS
ARE MEMBERS
OF THIS
VILLAGE,
RIGHT?

BUT EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE IN
TROUBLE...



REMEMBER
WHAT AUNT
MION SAID!

KEI-
TAROU?

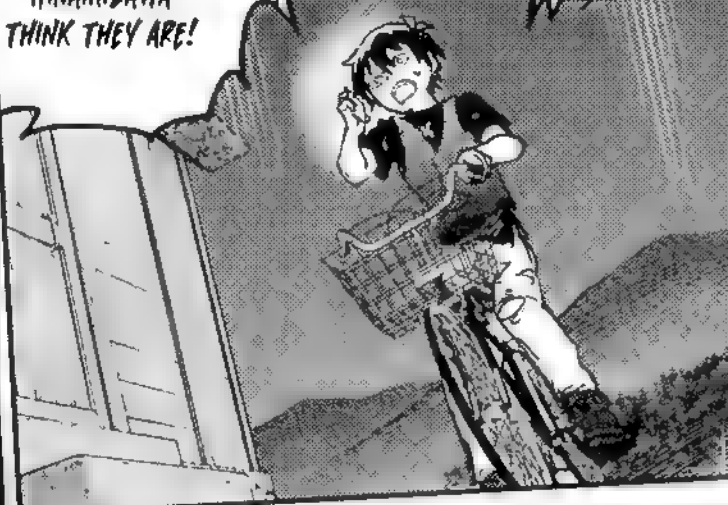


THEY'RE
JUST
SCARED TO
OPEN UP
TO OTHER
PEOPLE!

I'VE ACTUALLY
INTERACTED
WITH POLARIS,
SO I KNOW!
THEY'RE
NOT THE
SORT OF
PEOPLE
THAT THE
VILLAGERS OF
HINAMIZAWA
THINK THEY ARE!

KEITAROU!
YOU'RE UP
AGAINST THE
PEOPLE OF
HINAMIZAWA
HERE!

WHY CAN'T
THE VILLAGERS
UNDERSTAND
THAT?!

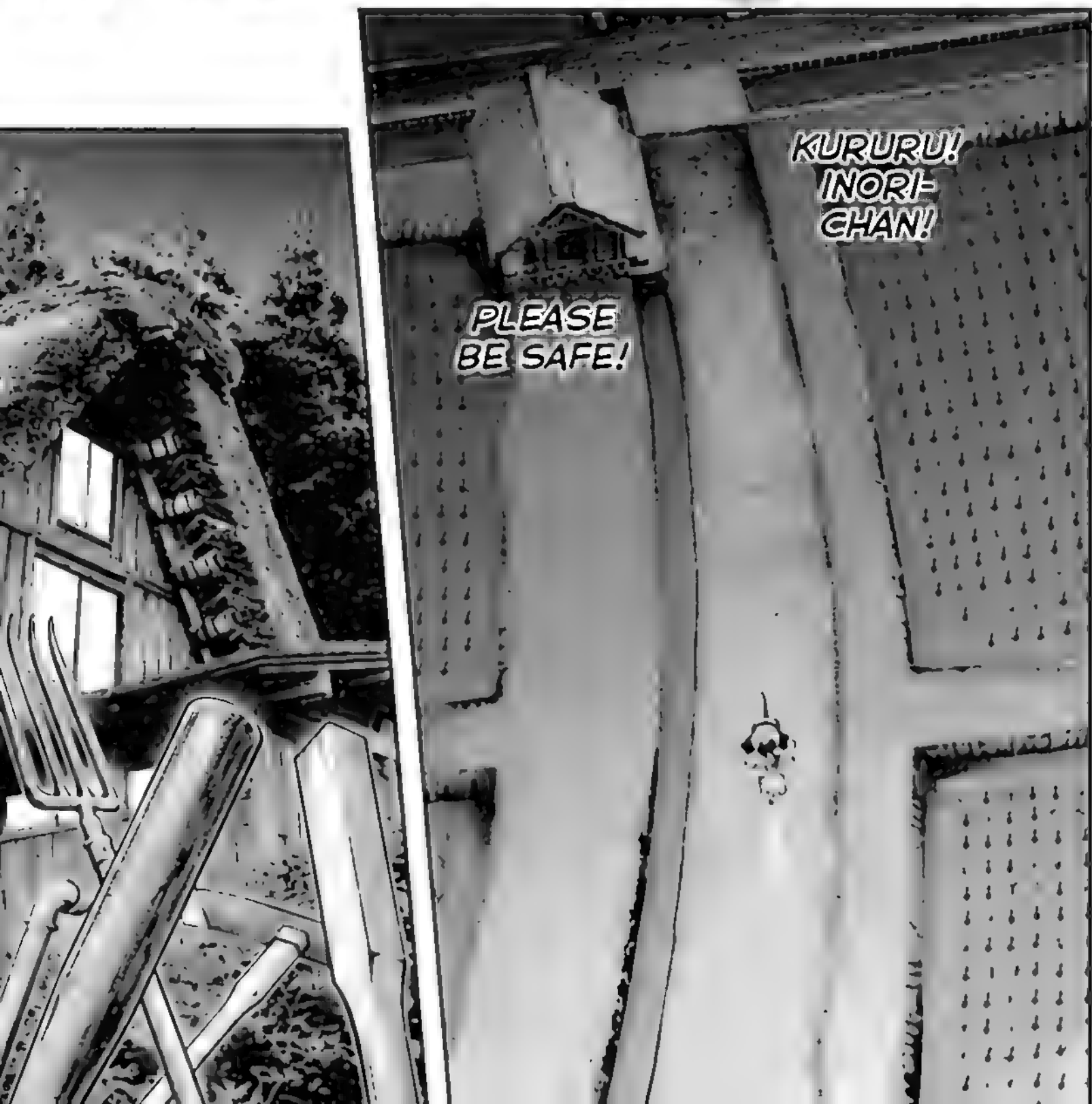


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KEI-
TAROU!
WAIT,
KEIT---



sigh





THOSE
ASSHOLES
HAVE
CROSSED
THE LINE.

AND
THEY MUST'VE
BEEN THE
ONES BEHIND
THE CURSE
LAST YEAR,
TOO.

THEY'LL
PAY FOR
THIS.

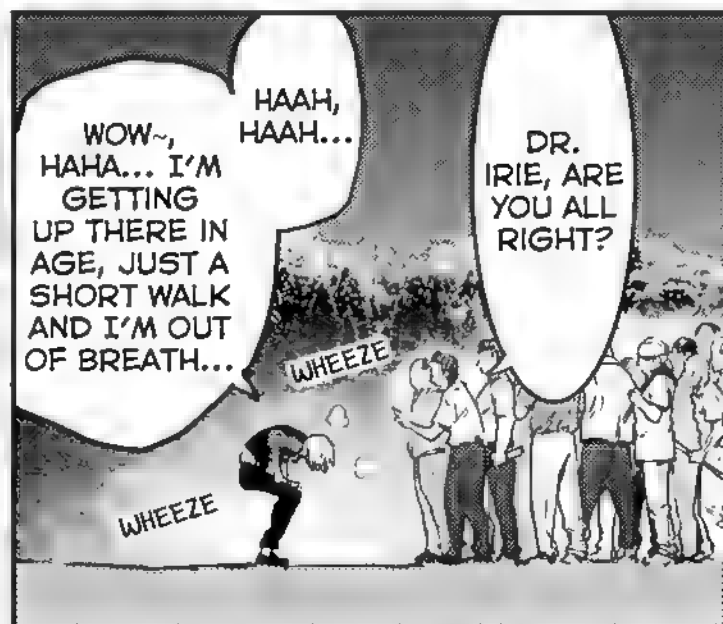
THIS IS
RIGHTEOUS
ANGER.

IT'S
THE DAM
WAR ALL
OVER
AGAIN.

WE MUST
PROTECT
HINAMIZAWA,
WITH OUR
OWN HANDS.

THEY
USED THE
CURSE OF OUR
HONORABLE
OYASHIRO-SAMA.







AUNT
RIKA WAS
MURDERED...
AND MY DAD WAS
DEMONED AWAY.

YOU'RE A
LEADING
FIGURE IN
THE VILLAGE,
SO YOU
MUST'VE
ALREADY
HEARD,
RIGHT?



DR.
IRIE.

IT'S
ALREADY
THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT.
JUST WHAT
ARE YOU DOING,
BRINGING
CHILDREN
ALONG WITH
YOU?



LEAD-
ING
IT?

YOU MIS-
UNDERSTAND,
THE VILLAGERS
AND I JUST
ARRIVED AT THE
SAME THOUGHT.



ARE
YOU THE
ONE LEADING
THIS MOB?



S-SAKIKO-
CHAN...
IT
CAN'T
BE.



WE'RE
GONNA DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES TO
GET THOSE
POLARIS FREAKS
OUT OF THE
VILLAGE!

NO
DAUGHTER
WOULD SIT
QUIETLY AFTER
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

DR.
IRIE,

POLARIS
HAD SAKIKO-
CHAN'S
FATHER
DEMONED
AWAY.

...COME
T' THINK
OF IT, YOU
TAKE POLARIS
PATIENTS AT
YOUR CLINIC,
DON'T-
CHA?

PLEASE,
WAIT!

AND EVEN IF
THEY REALLY
WERE INVOLVED,
ISN'T IT THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE COURTS TO
BRING THEM TO
JUSTICE?!

DO
YOU
HAVE
ANY
EVIDENCE
THAT
POLARIS
IS BEHIND
IT?

PLEASE,
TRY TO
CALM
DOWN.

DR.
IRIE...



ARE
YA ON
THEIR
SIDE?

DO
YA FEEL
SORRY
FOR
THEM?

OR...



HINAMIZAWA'S
CHANCE AT
BECOMING A
WORLD
HERITAGE
SITE WILL BE
COMPLETELY
LOST!

EVEN
IF YOU
DO THIS...
THE POLICE
WILL BE
CALLED OUT
AND YOU'LL
JUST GET
ARRESTED.



DON'T DO
ANYTHING
THAT WOULD
CAUSE HER
EVEN MORE
GRIEF!

SATOKO-
CHAN IS
IN A VERY
TOUGH
SITUATION
RIGHT NOW.



DOES
SATOKO-
CHAN...
DOES
YOUR
MOTHER
KNOW
YOU'RE
OUT
HERE?

SAKIKO-
CHAN!



THERE
WAS NO
WAY I
COULD
TALK TO
HER WHEN
SHE WAS
GRIEVING
LIKE
THAT.

DAD
NEVER
CAME
HOME...
AND AUNT
RIKA WAS
MURDER-
ED...



...THAT
I WAS
COMING
OUT
HERE.

I
DIDN'T
TELL
MOM...

AFTER
THE VILLAGE
GOES BACK
TO NORMAL,
MOM WILL
BE ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND!

SCRATCH

WE CAN
TAKE BACK
THE OLD
HINAMIZAWA
WITHOUT
POLARIS!

BY
GETTING
OUR
HANDS
DIRTY,

BUT IF
WE'RE GOING
TO PROTECT
HINAMIZAWA,
WE HAVE
NO CHOICE.

SNAP

WE'RE ALL
PREPARED
TO SACRIFICE
OURSELVES
FOR HINA-
MIZAWA!!

SCRATCH

THEN I'M
SURE THE
PEOPLE OF
THE WORLD WILL
SYMPATHIZE
WITH US,
AND BELIEVE
IT WAS
NECESSARY
SELF-
DEFENSE!!

IF WE CAN
INFILTRATE
POLARIS, FIND
EVIDENCE OF THEIR
CRIMES, AND
EXPOSE IT FOR
ALL THE WORLD
TO SEE,

SCRATCH





YEAH!

OR ELSE WE'LL BE FACING OYASHIRO-SAMA'S WRATH!

IF THE KIDS CAN SPEAK THAT PASSIONATELY, THEN WE GOTTA GET FIRED UP TOO,

NOW THAT'S A DAUGHTER OF THE KIMIYOSHI FAMILY!

SAKI-KO-
WELL CHAN. SAID.



BUT NOW THAT IT'S REACHED THIS POINT...

I'M JUST A VILLAGE DOCTOR NOW, SO THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO STOP THEM...!



THE WAY THE VILL-AGERS LOOK...
...AND THE WAY THEY'RE ACTING...

MAYBE MY PREDICTION WAS RIGHT!



FOR HINA-MIZAWA!

FOR HINA-MIZAWA!

EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SACRIFICE OURSELVES, WE WILL DRIVE POLARIS OUT OF THE VILLAGE!!





A HUGE,
ARMED MOB
OF HINAMIZAWA
VILLAGERS IS
HEADING HERE.



FOR NOW,
CANOPUS-SAN
AND THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE
RING OF STARS
ARE HANDLING
IT, BUT...







AND YOU
BROUGHT
THINGS LIKE
THAT WITH
YOU...?

YOU
BROUGHT A
HUGE MOB
OF PEOPLE
AT THIS
TIME OF
NIGHT, TO
SLANDER
US?

WHAT
IS IT YOU
CAME HERE
TO DO...?



BUT
IF YOU'RE
HERE TO MAKE
THREATS, I
HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO DEAL
WITH IT
ACCORDINGLY.

IF YOU
WANT TO
TALK, I'M
LISTENING.



Bam

CRUNCH





YOU KILLED
THE PRIEST-
ESS OF
HINAMIZAWA'S
GUARDIAN GOD,
OYASHIRO-
SAMA!

Y'ALL
MURDERED
HER!

YOU SACRIFICED
HER, IN ORDER
TO TURN
HINAMIZAWA INTO
POLARIS' VILLAGE!



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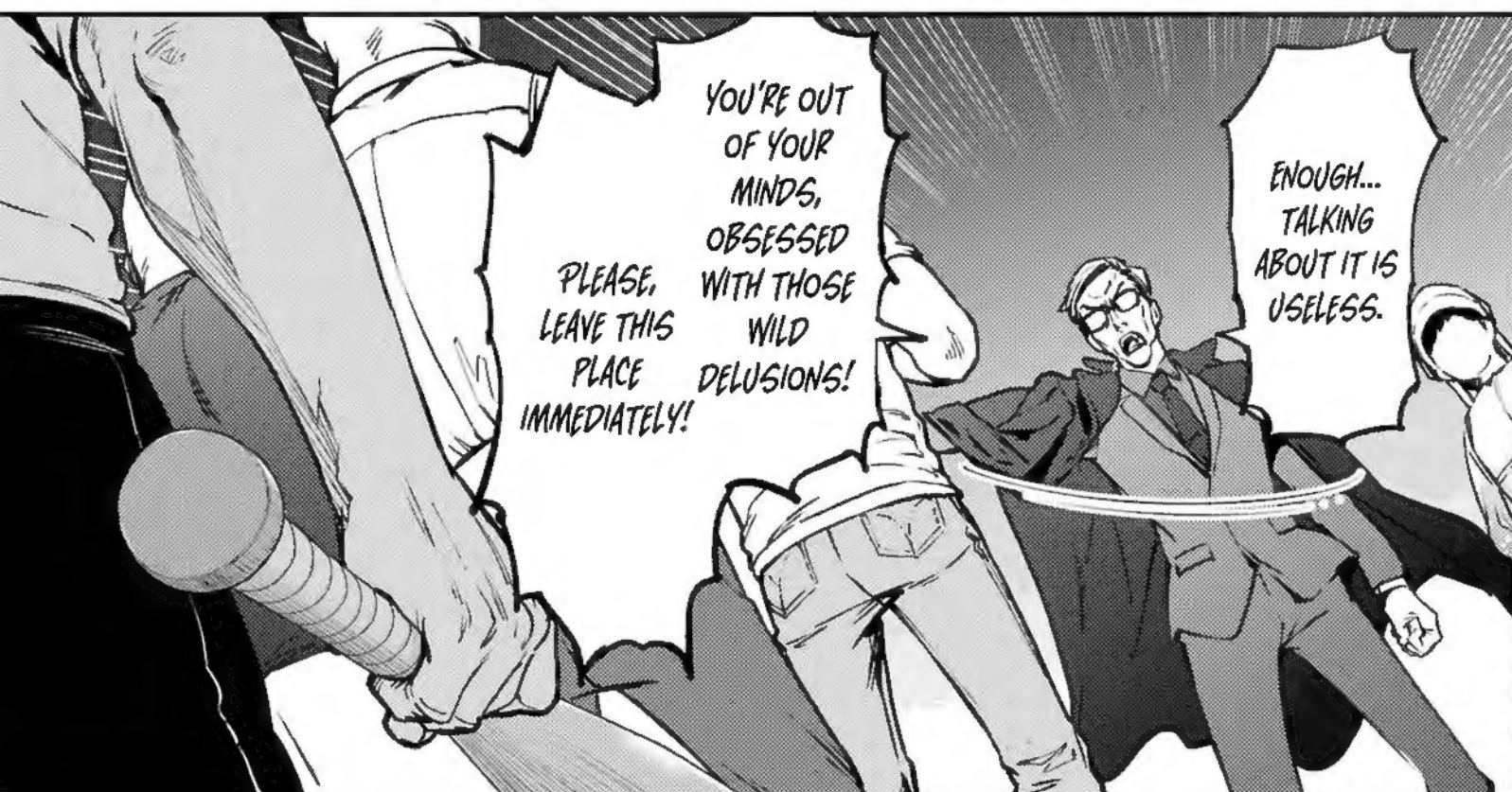


WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

ENOUGH
WITH YOUR
BULLSHIT!

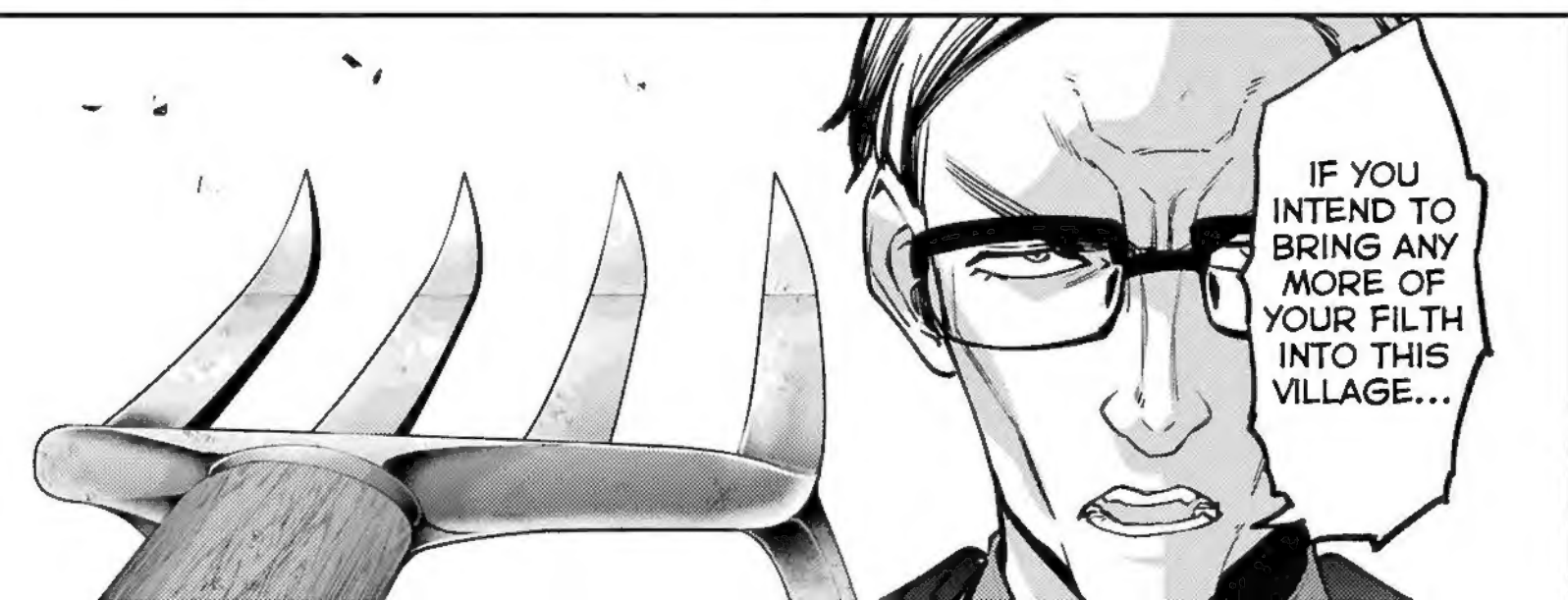
RIKA
FURUDE,
OF THE
THREE
FAMILIES
OF HINA-
MIZAWA?

KILLED?
RIKA...
FURUDE?



YOU'RE OUT
OF YOUR
MINDS,
OBSESSED
WITH THOSE
WILD
DELUSIONS!
PLEASE,
LEAVE THIS
PLACE
IMMEDIATELY!

ENOUGH...
TALKING
ABOUT IT IS
USELESS.



IF YOU
INTEND TO
BRING ANY
MORE OF
YOUR FILTH
INTO THIS
VILLAGE...



WHAM



I WANT
TO SEE
THIS HOLY
MOTHER
OF YOURS,

GAH!


FWUMP



SO
I CAN
ASK HER
DIRECTLY
WHERE MY
FATHER
IS.

A DECLARATION OF WAR...

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